

jacent appointments about May first. May the Lord bless the labors of our brother in his new field.

Brother Balsbaugh writes: "Let us all work for the triumph of the cardinal principal, and all will be one body of which Christ is the Head, and the Holy Spirit the life and power. What has the church to do with the world but to pity and correct it?" Had the Dunkard church done this in the first place there never would have been more than one body.

Brother Miller, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Ohio State Conference informs us that the program for our next Conference will be ready for publication next week.

Brother Roger Darling, after receiving Letter Heads, Envelopes, and Cards which we printed for him writes: "I received the printed matter last evening. I want to assure you that I am highly pleased with the work you have done for me. It is certainly first class in every way." We are prepared to execute promptly all work of this kind, and always in the most satisfactory manner. Let us have an order from you, and we will guarantee satisfaction.

Brother Holsinger writes that he is now in reasonable good health, tho there is much sickness in the community. He has some "Holsingerisms" on the way, which he expects to forward shortly, accompanied with cuts and extracts from his "History of the Tunker Church."

In the report of the Washington City church building fund for the week ending March 31, there appears an error in the item Mrs. Ella H. Kelsey, Twelve Mile, Ind., \$5.50. It should be, Three Sunday-school scholars from Brick card, \$4.65; a sister, 85 cents, making a total of \$5.50 from Twelve Mile.

Brother W. D. Furry was made orator of his class the other day, and is now at work on his oration. The subject is, "Michael Angelo: His Contribution to Art in his Own Century, and his Message to Artists of the Nineteenth Century." We congratulate our brother upon this, another honor which faithful work has brought to him.

FOUR OPEN LETTERS

No. 1. To Those Who Make and Sell Intoxicating Liquors

Whether you are selling illegally, as in the state of Kansas and other prohibitory states, or whether you are selling by permission of some license law, makes no difference so far as the liquor is concerned. The drink that you sell from an illegal joint or over the bar of a palatial licensed saloon is the stuff that ruins manhood and depraves womanhood. It beggars homes, bestroys the reason, is mighty and constant as a curse of crime and slays more people every year than the bloodiest wars. The evils that come direct from the drink that you are selling for gain have been recognized and denounced by God's word, by courts and authorities of every age. The curses that have flowed from your traffic are so terrible that it seems almost incredible that humanity can anywhere be engaged in the drink business as a business.

What will you answer to the God of all the earth when you come up before Him for judgment, ye brewers and whisky dealers, ye saloonkeepers and jointists, as each one of you faces the question, "Where is thy brother?" If for the sake of gain ye have destroyed your brother, how can that gain be enjoyed by you? May the Lord God Omnipotent by His searching of your conscience and heart turn you from the unholy business that ever man entered and convict you of slaying your fellowmen for greed.

No. 2. To Those Who Are Connected With the Liquor Business Commercially and Politically

You are not making and selling intoxicating drink, but how about your connection with it in a business way? How about that whisky or champagne advertisement in your paper or magazine? You accept it because it is good pay. How much does it close your mouth against the traffic? How about that railroad train on the road of which you are president or director where liquor is served in a dining car and where the freight business in liquor is so large a financial figure that your employes on the road understand that if they agitate privately against the liquor business they risk the loss of their positions? How about that business block that you own or control which you have rented to a saloon or sold to a jointist because the property is not profitable for something else? How about that vote that you have cast for license because you are commercially interested in the drink business and can not afford to lose patronage or lose standing with your party?

The taint of drink money is on your fingers. You are guilty with the men who make and sell the accursed stuff. And surely God will judge you all together.

No. 3. To Those Who are Authorized to Enforce the Law

The Law is greater than fear. But too many of you have made it less. Or, caring nothing for your solemn oaths of office you have dishonored the dignity of the state and the statute. Where are your courage and your manhood? Is it nothing to you that a sovereign people in this state stand back of the enacted law and bid you enforce it? It is not for you to interpret the law or excuse yourselves for lack of power. All honor to those officials who at the risk of scorn and venom and political loss and the opposition even of courts of justice, that should have helped instead of hindered the law's enforcement, have nevertheless done their simple duty. There are such men in Kansas, and there will be many more of them in the future if we educate our children aright to love God and the law. Stand fast to your oaths of office, men! Ye who have that sacred duty to fulfill, be true to it in the name of God and the state!

No. 4. To Those Who Drink Intoxicating Liquor

Who is the greater sinner? the man who sells liquor or the man who drinks it? Let God judge. But so far as the curse itself is concerned, some one desired to drink before any one could be induced to sell. My brother, do you drink even a little? I do not ask, do you get drunk, or do you frequent saloons, joints or hotel bars? But do you drink at all? Then you are making possible the breweries, the distilleries, the saloons, the houses of ill fame, the asylums, the penitentiaries of the world. For they all go together. How can you endure the awful burden of being a cause of this earth curse? For as long as you continue to drink you create a demand for the manufacture and sale. What will be your excuse before the throne of God in the last great day? Will you dare say you had a personal right to drink, and it was nobody's business? But how then will you disconnect your own habit from the fact that because you had it, other men made and sold the stuff and other men lied and sold their souls for gain in the business of it, and others murdered and stole and assaulted for the sake of it, of that which you helped

to keep in existence because you claimed your right to drink regardless of your weaker brother. The Lord have mercy on you and turn you towards righteousness. For you are guilty before Him in the matter of this awful sin under which the world groans today, even after two thousand years of the Blessed Christ the Son of God.

Literary Notes

"The Personnel of the Ecumenical Conference" forms the subject of a timely and important article in the April number of the *Missionary Review of the World*. The writer, Dr. Judson Smith, briefly describes some of the leading guests and speakers who are expected to stir New York during the last ten days of April, by their thrilling missionary addresses. Portraits of many speakers accompanying the article. Another important paper is by Prof. Gustavus Warneck, D. D., one of the leading authorities on missions in the world, who writes on "Protestant Missions at the Junction of Two Centuries," and describes the situation of 1800 and 1900 and the progress during the hundred years. "Missionary Quickennings of the Century," by Dr. Arthur T. Pierson, is filled with facts and incidents describing the Pentecosts on Foreign Mission Fields. An important article on "India as a Mission Field," by Rev. Edward Storrow, formerly of Calcutta, furnishes valuable information on the subject of the rise, growth, and present aspects of missions in the Queen's Empire. Other articles which deserve attention are: "Puerto Rico under the United States," "How Some Things Go in Korea," "The Outlook in Japan," "Missions and Governments," "Problems of Hinduism," etc.

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Among the interesting features of the Chautauquan for April are the following: Topics of the Hour, C. H. Hastings; Twentieth Century Thank-offering Movement, Stephen J. Herben; Easter, a poem, Alice E. Hanscom; The Expansion of an American Family, James R. Joy; College Slang, Prof. Eugene H. Babbitt; The Evolution of Comic Art, Gustav Kobbe; Lincoln's Self-education, Hamilton W. Mabie; The Care of Pets, a Practical Life Paper, Felix L. Oswald; The Expansion of the American People, Prof. E. E. Sparks; Across Touraine, Irenaeus Prime-Stevenson; Critical Studies in American Literature, Albert H. Smyth; The Inner Life of Abraham Lincoln, Norman Hapgood; The Ideal, Verse, The Chautauquan Press, Clinton Scollard.

Rudyard Kipling is going to tell of "The Beginning of the Armadillos" in the May *Ladies' Home Journal*. Of course, Mr. Kipling brings to bear an irresistibly funny, but withal a highly ingenious philosophy in describing the peculiarities of the armadillo. He evidently found enjoyment in writing these stories—he calls them "Just So" stories—for he has interwoven more inimitable humor into his account of the way by which the armadillos came into being, and the others of the series, than in anything else that has come from his versatile pen.

"A Missionary in the Great West," by Rev. Cyrus Townsend Brady; "The Choir Boys of England," by Julian Ralph; "The Mysteries of the Century," "Singing 'The Messiah' on the Plains," "Behind the Scenes During a Play," "College Girls' Larks and Pranks," give an idea of the varied excellence of the April *Ladies' Home Journal*. Of course, Rudyard Kipling's "Just So" story, "The Elephant's Child," narrating with delightful humor how the elephant got his trunk, will be sought first and heartily enjoyed. Ian Maclaren identifies "The Genteel Tramps in Our Churches," Edward Bok points out the evils of "The Ease With Which We Marry," and "An American Mother" writes on "The American Woman in the Market-Place." "Bandanna Ballads," by

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